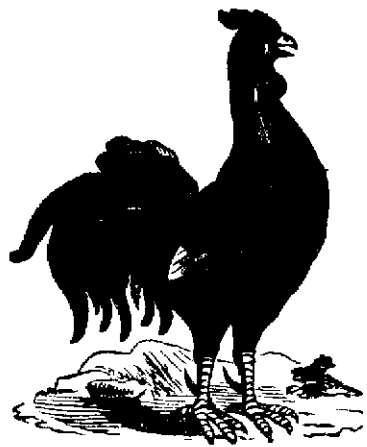


FREE Gift Distribution!

Every purchaser of \$5.00 worth of goods from our large and well-selected retail stock, consisting of

CLOTHING,



HATS, CAPS,

Gents' Furnishing Goods, Etc.,

Will be presented with a ticket entitling the holder to one share in the FREE GIFT DISTRIBUTION of the following Prizes:

ONE \$50.00 IN GOLD.

- " 25.00 " " " "
- " 15.00 " " " "
- " 10.00 " " " "
- " 40.00 SUIT TO ORDER.
- " 25.00 MAN'S SUIT.
- " 25.00 " OVERCOAT.
- " 20.00 " SUIT.
- " 15.00 " " " "
- " 20.00 YOUTH'S " " "
- " 20.00 " OVERCOAT.
- " 15.00 " SUIT.
- " 15.00 BOY'S OVERCOAT.
- " 10.00 " SUIT.
- " 15.00 PANTS TO ORDER.
- " 15.00 ZINC TRUNK.
- " 10.00 MOROCCO VALISE.
- " 40.00 SEWING MACHINE.
- " 20.00 AMERICAN CHINA QUEEN
- " ANNE DINNER SET, from E. L. Bartholomew & Co.
- " HAWORTH CHECK ROWER.
- " BARREL FLOUR from D. S. Shellbarger & Co.

To be Given Away Mar. 2, 1882

PANTS MADE TO ORDER FOR \$5.00.

J. R. RACE & CO.

March 10, 1881-d&w1

The Reason Why!

WE CAN SELL

DRY GOODS AND MILLINERY

VERY CHEAP.

We own the Cheapest Stock in this city, bought at a large discount from first cost. All additional purchases spot cash, giving us the benefit of all discounts. We are running under light expenses, have figured right down. And it is a positive fact that it costs us a much less per centage on sales than most merchants pay. Our customers receive the benefit.

Stock Large. Assortment Complete. New and Attractive Goods Received Every Day during the Season.

(Our active, prompt and reliable way of doing business will be appreciated by the citizens of this lively, wide-awake city.)

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

NO. 10 MERCHANT ST.,

(T. A. GERMANN'S OLD STAND)

Decatur, Ill., March 29, 1881-d&w17

WILL OPEN APRIL 16, 1881.

A NEW STOCK OF

DRY GOODS,

MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS,

AT

NO. 14, SOUTH SIDE CITY PARK

BRUCE & GASSLER.

March 29, 1881 d&w1

(For the Republic)

THE SACRED PROMISE

ORIGINAL—BY IVAN

Gen. 3, 22.

Last Fall from his northern retreat, Old Winter came early and fleet. He snatched the green garb of the trees, And cast them to earth as the loss Of the year.

Whose hour of departure was near He hardened the earth with his tread, And on Summer's best beauties he fed, He scorched, with his breath, every bird, And turned all the sap to a curd.

A darg pall He spread over Nature for Fall He dressed trees, fields, valleys and height

His dominion established at last, With hoarings he rode on the blast A tyrant became he with age And war on the Spring did be wage.

Nor retreated 'Till birds her bright crowing repeated Fear not tho' the winter last long, The promise of God is still strong, While earth in her orbit rolls round, 'The seasons in turn shall be found.

Heat and cold Day and night we shall know as of old

Decatur, Ill., March 29, 1881

It has been officially announced that there will be no extra session of Congress before fall, if then. The President is not at all certain that the new Congress would pass a better Refunding bill than the one vetoed by President Hayes. Some of the Republican Representatives favor a 3 per cent bond, and others favor the Carlisle anti-National bank idea. Such Congressmen are sufficient in number, acting with the Democrats, to be able to pass an objectionable refunding measure in spite of the more conservative and far-seeing Republicans. The Secretary of the Treasury intends to use the surplus money now in the Treasury and the surplus revenue throughout the year, which will amount in all to \$150,000,000, to redeem the 6 per cent maturing bonds. It is announced that under a law of Congress the Secretary can borrow about \$150,000,000 at 3 and 3½ per cent interest wherewith to redeem that amount of the 6 per cents.

MR. J. STANLEY BROWN is President Garfield's new Private Secretary. He is a very young man, and it is said owes his place wholly to his own merit. He was a Washington boy who got to helping General Garfield with his correspondence a year ago, and was sent for to go to Mentor after the Chicago Convention. During his nine months' service here he proved so faithful, competent and discreet that General Garfield took him to Washington and kept him at the work he had grown accustomed to in Mentor. A man of experience in politics, with a wide knowledge of men and affairs, would in some respects be of more service to the President, and could take many burdens from his shoulders, but such men usually have their personal relationships and entanglements, their own friends to provide for, and their own axes to grind. With a young man devoted to his service, the President is entirely safe. Mr. Brown is single, and fits with the family life of the Garfields as though he had always belonged to it. It is said that he has no relatives to demand places or social recognition, which is held to be an excellent qualification in a private secretary.

THE school fund of Indiana amounts to \$9,065,254.73. Professor James H. Smart, who has just retired from the post of state superintendent—which he has held for six years—reports that the schools of the state have made in the past sixteen years immense advances.

THE oldest members of the forty-seventh house, as far as service in congress is concerned, are Judge Kelley, of Pennsylvania, S. S. Cox, of New York, and Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia. Stephens first went to congress in 1843, and served until 1859, resuming his seat in 1875. Kelley went to the house in 1861, and Cox in 1857.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. It seems strange that anyone will suffer from the many derangements brought on by an impure condition of the blood, when SOD-VIL'S BLOOD AND LIVER SYRUP will restore perfect health to the physical organization. It is indeed a strengthening syrup, pleasant to take, and has proven itself to be the best blood purifier ever discovered, effectually curing Scrofula, Syphilis, skin diseases, Weakness of the Kidneys, all Nervous Disorders and Debility. It corrects indigestion. It makes the old feel young, and the young feel strong, and will invariably drive out of the system the many ills that human flesh is heir to. A single bottle will prove to you its merits as a health renewer, for it acts like a charm, especially when the complaint is of an exhaustive nature, having a tendency to lessen the natural vigor of the brain and nervous system.

A FEW reasons why you should buy your CLOTHING, HATS AND CAPS, etc., from

FLEURY TAILOR

Let it be a settled principle with me to handle none but the MOST DURABLE. 24—To always have in stock SOUVENIRS that it is impossible to find elsewhere. 30—To so purchase MY stock and manage my business as to be able to UNDERSELL any and all competition.

LADIES'

Ladies having handsome dresses to make would do well to give Mrs. Grist a call, as she comes among the people of Decatur well recommended, and having an experience of 10 years in her line of business, can guarantee satisfaction both in work, fitting and finishing. Over F. L. Hays & Co.'s. (Mar 12-23mo)

Grand Exhibitions and Sale of the finest assortment of Holiday Goods in Illinois, now going on at Wingate's Decatur Lamp Store (Dec. 16 dt)

THE CELEBRATED

WILSON BROS.



WHITE DRESS SHIRT

FOR SALE READY MADE, OR MADE TO ORDER.

B. STINE,

The "BOSS CLOTHIER."

The popularity of the WILSON BROS. SHIRTS, wherever they have been introduced, has driven most all other makes out of the market, not in account of being cheaper in price, but because they are better. The cheapness and desirability of any article is its intrinsic value, durability, comfort and lightness being the factors.

MERCHANT TAILORING.

Suits made to Order on the Improved Method, and FITS WARRANTED, at 25 per cent. lower than any Merchant Tailoring Establishment in the city, by

B. STINE,

The "BOSS CLOTHIER."

Dealer in fine Custom-made Clothing for Men, Youths, Boys and Children, and Gents' Furnishing Goods, at square prices, on the Old Square.

Feb. 17, 1881-d17

RESCUED FROM DEATH

The following statement of William J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., is so remarkable that we beg to ask for the attention of our readers. He says: "In the fall of 1871 I was taken with a violent bleeding of the lungs followed by a severe cough. I soon began to lose my appetite and flesh. I was so weak at one time that I could not leave my bed. In the summer of 1871 I was admitted to the City Hospital. While there the doctors said I had a hole in my left lung as big as a half dollar. I expended over a hundred dollars in doctors and medicines. I was so far gone that at one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of DR. WM. HALL'S BALSA FOR THE LUNGS. I laughed at my friends, thinking that my case was incurable, but I got a bottle to satisfy them, when to my surprise and gratification, I commenced to feel better. My hope, once dead, began to revive, and to-day I feel in better spirits than I have the last three years.

I write this hoping you will publish it, so that everyone afflicted with Consumed Lungs will be induced to take DR. WM. HALL'S BALSA FOR THE LUNGS, and be cured. I have taken two bottles and can positively say that it has done more good than all the other medicines I have taken since my sickness. My cough has almost entirely disappeared and I shall soon be able to go to work. Sold by all druggists. (Signed) W. J. Coughlin.

COME IN and take a look at our Breach and Muzzle Loaders, 10 and 12 pounders, prices below competition.

KORSMEYER & O'NEILL, Two doors east of P. O.

Made to Order.

The celebrated Wilson Bros' Shirts made to order and in stock, all at B. STINE's, the Boss Clothier.

Notice.

All persons indebted to me will please settle accounts at the store, No. 10 Merchant street, or at my office over J. M. Kin's bank. T. A. GERMANN 8 dtm

COME and see the new style self-adjusting skates at Korsmeyer & O'Neil's before purchasing elsewhere, also a complete line of Barney & Berry skates kept on hand, all at less than cost, 2 doors east of P. O. 1-dt

Mrs. Giridol, at her boarding house No. 11 West Main street, can furnish boarding and rooms by the day or week for a few more boarders, fare good, and price very reasonable.

March 5-dt

First class upholstery done at P. B. Provost & Son's 2 dt

PILES! PILES! PILES!

A Sure Cure Found at Last. No One Need Suffer

A sure cure for the Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Ulcerated Piles has been discovered by Dr. W. Williams (an Indian remedy), called Doctor Williams' Indian Ointment. A single box has cured the worst chronic case of 25 and thirty years standing. No one need suffer five minutes after applying this wonderful soothing medicine. Lotions, Instruments and Electricities do more harm than good. Williams' Ointment absorbs the tumors, allays the intense itching (particularly at night after getting warm in bed), acts as a poultice, gives instant and painless relief, and is prepared only for Piles, itching of the private parts, and nothing else.

Read what the Hon. J. M. Coffinberry, of Cleveland, says about Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment. I have used scores of pile cures, and it affords me pleasure to say that I have never found anything which gave such immediate and permanent relief as Dr. Williams' Pile Ointment.

For safety all druggists, or mailed on receipt of price, \$1.00.

PREPARED BY DR. W. WILLIAMS, PROPRIETOR, CLEVELAND, O.

Jan. 27-d&w2mo

BUCKLE'S AMERICA SALVE

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Tetters, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all kinds of skin eruptions. This Salve is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every case or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box.

A Bargain.

Horse and Buggy for sale, at No. 46 East North street. Will sell either the horse or buggy separate, or both together, for cash. Mrs. W. H. FANNING

March 17-d10d

A GOOD FIT always guaranteed or no sale at

FRENCH TAILOR

We keep everything in our line, low shoes, high shoes, big shoes, little shoes, broad shoes, narrow shoes, fine shoes or coarse shoes, and if you want any other kind of a shoe we will order it for you. We aim to please. Call and see us. BARKER & BARKER.

Our Line of Children's and Misses' Hosiery, in full regular and half regular made, as well as cheaper grades, comprises an almost unlimited variety. Don't fail to see and price them.

25-d&w1w

CHEAP STORE

Tailors Wanted.

By Flurry, the French cutter. None but experienced hands need apply.

24 dt

"CHEAP CHARLEY'S" CORNER.



I CAN SEE,

SAYS THE BLIND MAN,

THAT A MAN WHO MANUFACTURES HIS OWN CLOTHING AND BUYS HIS GOODS FOR CASH, CAN SELL IT AT A LOWER PRICE THAN THE MAN WHO HAS TO PAY A PROFIT TO THE JOBBER.

How Could the Blind Man See It? Plain Enough By Comparing the Quality and Ascertaining the Price.

The man who manufactures knows what quality of material he puts in a garment, and therefore gives his customers the benefit of his knowledge. A man who buys his goods ready made, can judge only from appearance, and is treated often to a red apple with a rotten core. All those who wish to avail themselves of the chance of BUYING CLOTHING FROM THE MAN FACTURER, and THEREBY SAVE THE MIDDLE MAN'S PROFIT, as well as secure

Best Quality, Best Style and Best Fit,

—SHOULD VISIT TH—

SPRING EXHIBITION!

At CHEAP CHARLEY'S

ONE PRICE ESTABLISHMENT.

THE STOCK OF

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, HATS AND CAPS,

CANNOT BE SURPASSED FOR BEAUTY AND LOW PRICES.

TRUNKS AND VALISES at Manufacturer's Prices.

CHEAP CHARLEY.

KAUFMAN & BACHRACH, Manufacturers



KAUFMAN & BACHRACH Manufacturers of MEN'S AND BOYS' Clothing!

Dealers in Goods for Men's Wear.

Cor. East Main & Water Sts.

DECATUR

Factory—Chicago, Illinois

March 10-d&w1

A FRENCHMAN FROM IRELAND,

JAMES VEALE, MERCHANT TAILOR.

THE ONLY NEW YORK CUTTER in this city brought here in 1878 by J. M. & S. Sturges

I have just received my Spring stock, and am prepared to make them up in the latest fashionable styles and at the most reasonable terms. Having received the second premium in the cutting school of 1876, and being in the employ of J. M. & S. Sturges for over three years, and with seven years more experience, the people of Decatur and vicinity may all be assured that my work will be of the highest quality and at a low price. I cannot be undersold!

JAMES VEALE, Prairie st., one door West of Water.

March 17, 1881-d&w1

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN the Circuit Court of the State of Illinois, in and for the County of Madison.

Nichols, L. Prather and Henry Bishop, complainants, vs. Nancy S. Neal, Arthur L. Prather, George R. Prather, Ruth J. Prather, Russell Prather, Eugene Prather, George Prather, John Prather and Margaret Prather, defendants—Bill to remove cloud from title.

A FIDELITY OF THE NON RESIDENCE of all and each of said defendants having been duly filed in the office of the clerk of said court, Notice is hereby given to said defendants that the above-named complainants have filed their bill of complaint in said court, and said cause is now pending therein, and a summons has been issued out of said court against said defendants, returnable on the first day of the next May term of said court, to be held at the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said Madison county, on the 28th day of May, A. D. 1881. E. McLELLAN, Clerk

March 10, 1881-d&w1

To Nervous Sufferers—The Great European Remedy—Dr. B. Simpson's Specific Remedy.

It is a positive cure for Spermatorrhea, Seminal Weakness, Impotency, and all diseases resulting from Self-Abuse, as Mental Anxiety, Loss of Memory, Pains in Back or Side, and diseases that lead to Consumption, Insanity and an early grave.

The Specific Medicine being used with wonderful success, is sent free to all. Write for them and get full particulars. Price, \$1.00 per package, or six packages for \$5.00.

Address all orders to J. H. SIMPSON MEDICINE CO.

No. 104 and 106 Main st., Buffalo N. Y.

Sold in Decatur by Dr. A. J. Stoner

Feb. 25-d&w1w

Plenty of Rubbers at I. W. Baker's

3-d&w1

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the county court of Madison county, Illinois, in favor of William H. Egan and William H. Scruggs, parties under the firm name of Egan & Scruggs, and against Mrs. Dean Barrackman, otherwise known as Anna Barrackman, I have laid upon the following described property, to-wit: The undivided interest of Anna Barrackman in the northeast quarter of section three (3), in township sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the third P. M., also the south one hundred and four (104) acres of the northwest quarter of section two (2), and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section two (2), east of the 3rd P. M., in Madison county, Illinois. Taken as property of said Anna Barrackman, which I shall offer at public sale at the west door of the court house in Decatur, in Madison county, in said state on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1881, at the hour of two o'clock p. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 27th day of February, A. D. 1881.

WILLIAM W. MYERS, Sheriff Madison county, Illinois.

A CHANGE.

GOOD GROCERIES

At Fair Prices.

He understood, who was for years connected with the Decatur Wooden Lumber, has purchased the grocery store of Frank Lott, on the

Corner of Mason and Broadway,

and will continue the business at the same place. I have replenished the stock with a fine assortment of

NEW AND FRESH GROCERIES,

and will be glad to receive the favors of the old customers of the house, as well as plenty of new ones.

The highest market price paid in cash or exchange for all kinds of country produce.

W. J. MYERS.

Feb. 2, 1881-d&w2mo

M. A. MYER, F. C. MYER.

MYER & SON,

HOUSE AND SIGN

PAINTERS!

Decorating, Graining, Gilding, Frescoing and Tinting.

Shop—One block north of City Park, corner of State and Main streets

Oct. 25-1880-d&w1

\$500 outfit free. Address H. MALLORY & Co., Portland, Maine.

